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SUBJECT: INCREASED RATE OF WATER TREATMENT

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

1. VEYSEY RAISED WITH ME THE INCREASED RATE FOR WATER TREATMENT, AND ASKED WHETHER THE NEXT BILL TO THE GOP COULD NOT REFLECT THE NEW RATE LEVEL, NOW THAT THE GOP IS ON NOTICE OF THE NEED TO RAISE THE CHARGES AND NOW THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE RESUMED. THE CANAL COMPANY, I GATHER, IS PRESSED FOR CASH. WOULD DOING SO BE THOUGHT AN UNCOOPERATIVE ACT AND IMPEDE THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE CANAL ITSELF, OR COULD THAT STEP BE SEALED OFF FROM OUR LARGER PROBLEM AND SEEN FOR WHAT IT IS, AS A ROUTINE PASSING ON FROM COMPANY TO CLIENT OF AN UNAVOIDABLE OUT OF POCKET COST INCREASE?

2. I UNDERSTAND BELL PLANNED TO DISCUSS GONZALEZ REVILLA'S COMMENTS ON ISSUE WITH YOU DURING HIS PRESENT
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